



**INDIANA SUPREME COURT
DIVISION OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATION
INDIANA FAMILY COURT PROJECT
Application For Self Represented Litigant Video Project**

In 2008, the Family Court Project produced a video to help courts with self-represented litigant issues. The video provides persons considering representing themselves in family law cases with some important information about the legal process and the responsibilities they will be expected to fulfill if they choose to represent themselves. The first phase of the project consisted of creating one “boilerplate” video that provides general information that is applicable to litigants statewide. This version has been posted on the Supreme Court web site, and provided on DVD to all trial court judges with domestic relations jurisdiction. That video was also customized with county specific information for local use in three pilot counties.

We are currently accepting applications to create fifteen more customized county videos. If your county is interested in one of the customized videos, please fill out the application below. There is no match or any other cost to the counties to participate in this project. STAD will provide the video production; all we require from you is some local information and possibly some “extras” for the video. First preference will be given to counties participating in the Family Court Project.

Questions can be directed to:

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Applications are due by Friday, March 13, 2009. A signed, hard copy of the application must be delivered to the address above by 4:00 PM on the due date.

1. County: _____

2. Contact Judge(s)

name: _____

phone: _____

e-mail: _____

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3. Family Court Coordinator (or other court staff contact for the application)

name: _____

phone: _____

e-mail: _____

4. Current programming for self-represented litigants. Please describe briefly (1-2 paragraphs) your current programming for self-represented litigants.

5. Plan for use of self-represented litigant video. Please describe briefly (1-2 paragraphs) how you intend to incorporate the video into your current family court programming, how you intend to market the video to litigants, and how many litigants you estimate will view the video in the first year of its use.

6. Judicial Commitment. Please advise if all of the Judges in the county will actively utilize the video. If all the Judges will not be actively involved, will the majority of the judges with family court jurisdiction agree to utilize the video?

7. Certification. I have read the foregoing application, and I certify that the statements therein are correct. If chosen to participate in the project, I will make myself and/or court staff available to the Family Court Project Manager and the video production team as necessary to complete the customization of the video for our county.

Signature of Judge

Date